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# **AMENDMENTS**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

## IN THE CLAIMS

- 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A process for the production of a coating layer from a thermally curable coating composition on a substrate, consisting of the successive steps:
  - providing a substrate to be coated, wherein the substrate is selected a) from the group consisting of an automotive bodies body, and wherein the substrate is made from a material selected from the group metals. and consisting of plastics, fiber-reinforced plastics compositions thereof;
  - applying a coated backing foil consisting of a foil coated on one side b) with an uncured or at least only partially cured coating layer of a thermally curable coating composition, with its coated side on the entire surface or on at least one sub-zone of the surface of the substrate.
  - supplying energy consisting of thermal energy onto the entire coating c) applied in step b) thereby curing the coating, and
  - d) removing the backing foil from the coating which remains on the substrate.
- 2. (ORIGINAL) The process of claim 1, wherein the supply of thermal energy onto the coating proceeds at least partially through the backing foil.
- 3. (ORIGINAL) The process of claim 1, wherein the substrate to be coated is provided with a precoating comprising at least one layer.
- 4. (ORIGINAL) The process of claim 1, wherein the surface of the backing foil in adherence with the coating is textured.
- 5. (ORIGINAL) The process of claim 1, wherein the uncured or at least only partially cured coating layer in step b) is a coating layer with a tacky surface.

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6 (ORIGINAL) The process of claim 1, wherein the thermally curable coating composition applied in step b) contains at least one binder with free-radically polymerizable olefinic double bonds.

#### 7. (CANCELED)

- 8. (ORIGINAL) The process of claim 1, wherein the coated backing foil is applied in step b) with pressure.
- 9 (ORIGINAL) The process of claim 1, wherein the coated backing foil is applied in step b) with pressure and heat.
- 10. (ORIGINAL) The process of claim 1, wherein the supply of thermal energy proceeds in step c) by using a method selected from the group consisting of radiant heating, convection, induction heating, contact heating and any combination thereof.

### 11. (CANCELED)

- **12**. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The process of claim 1, wherein the coating composition applied in step b) comprises a transparent sealing coating composition.
- 13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The process of claim 12, wherein the transparent sealing coating composition is applied onto one or more sub-zone(s) of the surface of the substrate.

### 14-41. (CANCELED)